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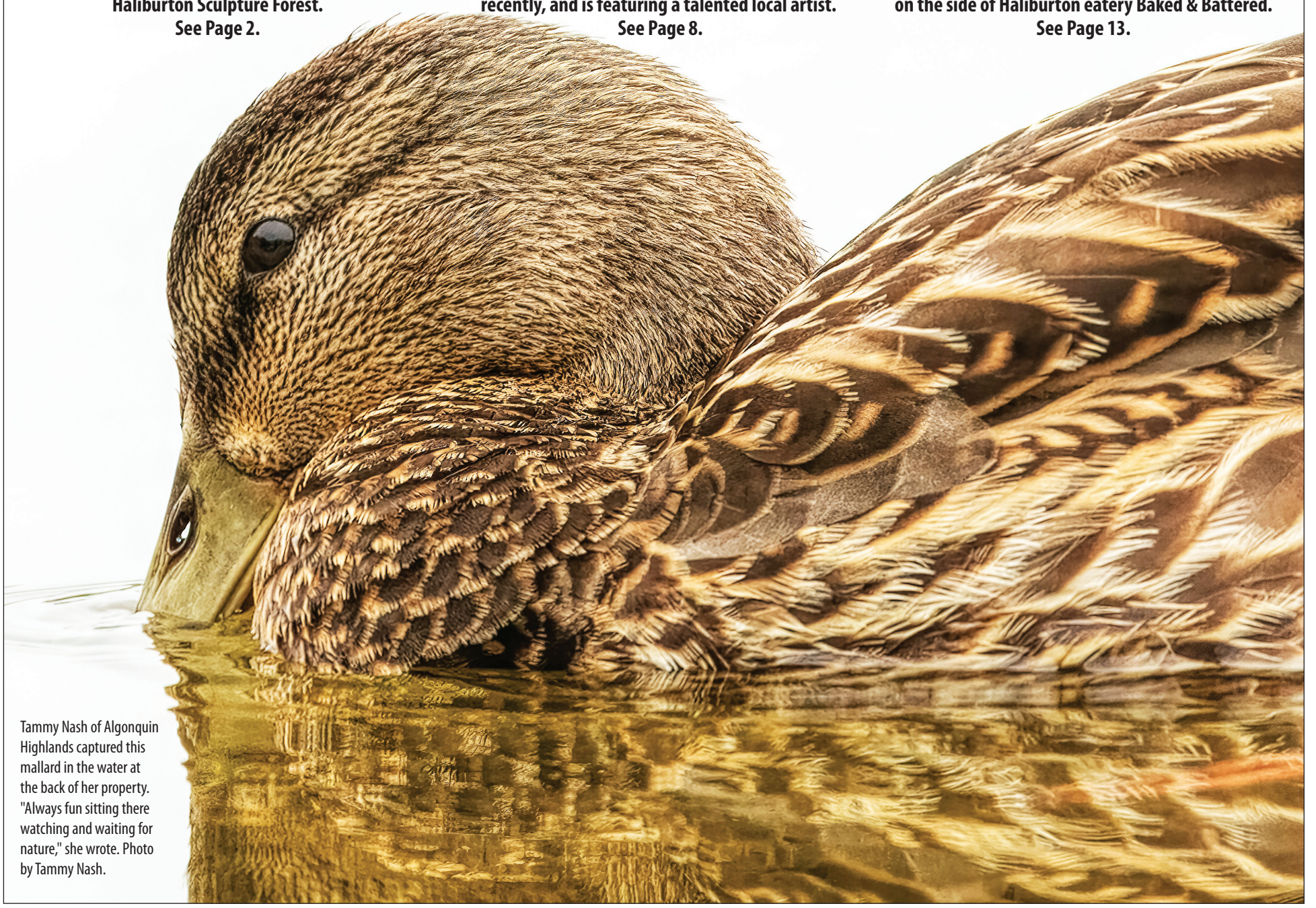

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Vortex by Gord Peteran, installed in 2003. These double doors serve as a portal between the outside world and the school of the arts. This piece focuses on the transformation involved in the artistic process and the art of creation.

Culture and Sculpture: Walking into the Mind of Gord Peteran

YOUKIE STAGG
Special to *County Life*

There are few people who combine functional craftsmanship and artistry like Gord Peteran. Known in Haliburton for creating the distinctive red doors at the entrance of the Haliburton School of Art + Design and now the new sculpture *Passage* in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, Gord Peteran is also known internationally for his combination of conceptual content with functional pieces and abstract furniture.

Dr. Glenn Adamson of the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, England described Peteran's work: "[his work has] taken the category of furniture as a found object in its own right, a thing to be operated on conceptually. At Peteran's hands furniture dies a fascinating death, without ever quite going away."

A description that quintessentially describes Peteran's work, which ranges from abstract pieces that resemble traditional furniture at first glance but appear less and less so the longer they are viewed, to functional pieces that challenge traditional design.

His unique style has caught the attention of many people in the art world and has gained international recognition. He is currently a professor at the Ontario College of Art & Design University, but has also taught at Sheridan College in Oakville, the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, New York, the Haystack Mountain School in Maine, the Penland School in North Carolina, and The California College of Arts.

Peteran's concept drawing of a door standing ajar in a door frame in the midst of the forest was submitted in the first call to artists for the Haliburton Sculpture

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Peteran's designs sprinkled throughout Haliburton Sculpture Forest

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Forest 20 years ago. The piece was not selected by the jury at that time but it still sparked the interest of Barb Bolin, the former dean of the Haliburton School of Art + Design, and board chair of the Sculpture Forest.

As a fan of the doors of the Ontario Crafts Council (now called Craft Ontario) made by Gord Peteran, Barb decided to commission Peteran to create the doors for the main entrance of the new campus of Haliburton School of Art + Design in 2005.

Peteran titled these doors *Vortex* as they are made to represent the transformative nature of art and the process of creating.

"My intention was to celebrate the divide between 'real,' and 'possibly real'. Imagery within the concentric circular surface (both on the outside and the inside) encourages the visitor to trust their own creative core" said Peteran.

While the doors now are equally recognized for their unique design and their distinct colour, they were not always the bright fire engine red they are today. The finish was originally treated wood but as the Dean of the college at the time, Barb Bolin wanted the entryway to stand out from the greys and browns of the rest of the building. Bolin, with Peteran's agreement, decided on the colour, a choice that has set the appearance of the school apart from other colleges and has since been the inspiration for the current logo of the school.

Passage by Gord Peteran, installed in June 2021. Made entirely of red cedar, this piece consists of two door frames facing each other on either side of a long dining table sitting. Two oars attached to the table rest in the ground. The piece invites the viewer to move within the space it creates.

Over the 20 years since that first call for sculptures, Bolin has kept Peteran's drawing of the doorway in the forest. This year, for the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Sculpture Forest, Bolin, with the blessing of the Sculpture Forest board of directors, decided to commission Peteran to recreate his original submission. However, since 2001 Peteran had seen other artists create sculptures featuring doors and doorways in unusual settings, and he decided he wanted the piece to contain more than just a door within a doorway.

Peteran decided to create a "room" in the forest, signified by two doorways. Within that room he placed a very long, narrow dining table with long oars fastened with oarlocks on either side of the table. In the finished piece the doorways stand without doors. Only remnants of hinges are there to hint at the memory of doors that once existed. The viewer can walk through these portals and move throughout the entire piece.

"His craftsmanship is perfection," says Bolin, "he takes common objects like doors, chairs or a table and adds the unusual to make us look at the concept of the object differently."

Passage at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest is no exception. The doorways are taller and narrower than a usual doorway, the table is simultaneously too tall, too narrow, and too long, and the two long oars in mid stroke add an additional otherworldly dimension to the scene. All are exquisitely crafted out of red cedar, the hinges and oarlocks created out of brass. Overall, the piece gives the viewer the feeling of being in a space that existed long ago, in another dimension, or both.

The long, narrow composition of the piece plays with the viewer's sense of perspective - is it the space that is elongated or is it the viewer's perception that is off? The piece elicits memories created around a dining room table over many

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Sculpture Forest boasts over 40 pieces, free tours available

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dinners with family and friends or perhaps a summer at the lake or memories that have yet to be formed.

Passage is both a passage through time and space as well as a place of rest in an area of in-between that is full of potential. In talking about this work Peteran also reflects on several political issues – the constant challenge that climate change and migratory populations bring to the world. Peteran looks forward to the table and doorways aging in place, and the forest growing around them and visitors discovering them as if they are the remnants of a lost mythical structure.

While *Vortex* can currently only be touched and seen from the inside by Haliburton School of Art + Design students due to COVID-19 restrictions, visitors to the Haliburton Sculpture Forest can view the exterior side of the red doors. The doors feature intriguing carvings of concentric and overlapping circles and are framed on either side by a clock cabinet and an elevated chair.

A message outlined above the doors reads, "Within these walls, the walls within disappear," alluding to all of the creative possibilities that lie within. The staff of Haliburton School of Art + Design are eagerly waiting for the day when they can open these doors again to the public

Passage, which is the Haliburton Sculpture Forest's 38th permanent sculpture, can be seen year-round. For more information on Gord Peteran and *Passage* visit haliburtonsculptureforest.ca and gordpeteran.com.

There is also a book on Peteran's work for sale on Amazon called *Furniture Meets its Maker* that was published in conjunction with a retrospective exhibition that toured nine museums across the United States. There has also been a second book published by the Art Gallery of Guelph, simply titled *Furniture* available on the 'Publications' page of the Art Gallery of Guelph website.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest has a collection of over 40 sculptures and one-of-a-kind benches by Canadian and International artists nestled along forest trails and surrounding the campus of the Haliburton School of Art + Design. It is located in Glebe Park at the edge of the village of Haliburton. It is open 365 days a year. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca. Free tours are offered every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in July and August and private small group tours are available year-round through yoursoutdoors.ca.

Gord Peteran's Passage can be seen year-round inside the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

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Sail boats venture out across Koshlong Lake on Friday morning, July 23 at Wanakita.

Out on the lake

Above, stand up paddle boarders paddle out on Koshlong Lake on Friday morning, July 23 at Wanakita. This year Wanakita is not offering summer overnight and day camp programming for children, but is hosting families for a week at a time to experience camp life, whether it's boating, swimming, archery or just hanging out at the beach. This is part of their YMCA Wanakita Family Lodge programming and continues until the last week of August and the first week of September. There were 46 families, which includes 153 people last week. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, a kayaker paddles for shore after a trip out on Koshlong Lake.

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Setting up camp

JANET TRULL
Special to County Life

I'm almost ready to travel again. But I've filled my quota of guided tours to national monuments, natural wonders and ancient ruins. Just before COVID hit, my husband and I rediscovered a more adventurous, open-ended itinerary. We went camping in New Zealand.

We mapped out a challenging route that would take us to the Far North, around the Coromandel Peninsula and the East Cape and then loop the South Island. Upon arrival in Auckland, we bought a tent and some bedding, two camp chairs and a cooler, piled it all into our rented vehicle, and headed for the rural back roads.

Pulling into a campground is a lot like moving to a small town. We were painfully aware of how comical it can be to watch two seniors unwrapping a brand new tent and reading the instructions to assemble it. Everyone likes to observe the new people. So we did our very best to put on a good performance, sorting out the poles and the pegs in a stiff wind.

Finally, after some trial and error, we stood back to admire our temporary living quarters. We felt pretty proud. Proud enough to set up our camp chairs, retrieve a hard-earned beverage from the cooler, and wave at the assembly of tent inspectors.

Cheers! It was our turn to wait for the next newcomers.

At every stop, we got more efficient with our set up routine. Then we would explore the terrain. The New Zealand coastline is breathtakingly beautiful and the people are helpful and friendly. We met high-spirited kina harvesters who shared the bounty of the sea with us. Hacking a kina (sea urchin) open with a sharp knife, they dug out the salty tongue for us to taste. They had collected dozens in a big sack, which they were taking home for their Maori grandmother who was wild about them.

We also hung out with avid young trekkers from all over the world, some of them committed to a four month journey from New Zealand's northern tip to its southern tip. They shared their opinions on global politics, climate change, education and athletic footwear. We learned more than we ever did in an air-conditioned tourist bus.

On we journeyed, camping near geysers and golf courses and sheep farms and deserted, black sand beaches. We were surprised at the connections between New Zealand and Haliburton histories. Their pioneer museums were filled with tales of Scottish immigrants and logging camp artifacts. At night we fell asleep to the sound of screaming kiwis, the flightless birds that made us homesick for our loons.

Camping is funny and challenging and short on privacy. But at 3 a.m., when you crawl out of the tent to pee, the Milky Way thrills you with billions of stars. You can imagine the ancient mariners navigating by the brilliant points of the Southern Cross. When you are camping, you cannot ignore the wonders of our little blue planet.

Whether abroad or in Canada, camping is a great way to get over yourself. It boils your day down to basic needs. A hot shower is a luxury. You brush your teeth with strangers. You sniff your clothes and put them on anyway.

Without the mundane tasks of housekeeping and maintenance jobs, we felt like kids again. We didn't look younger, mind you. Climbing out of a sleeping bag is not as pretty as it was when we were teenagers. Still, I recommend it. Even if you are out of practice, try downsizing to a backpack and discovering the campgrounds and backcountry campsites of Haliburton County.

Top 10 reasons not to shoot guns up in the air

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

IF YOU WATCH international news, you will soon notice that in various parts of the world, people celebrate events by gathering and shooting firearms skyward. Before you get caught up in the bliss that is firing willy-nilly in the air, there are things to be aware of.

Here are the top 10 reasons why this is not commonly done in Ontario (with the possible exception of Keswick).

1. The Migratory Bird Act
2. The apartment upstairs
3. Awnings are expensive.
4. You're still in the helicopter
5. We have enough holes in the ozone.
6. Billionaire astronauts.
7. You're holding the ladder.
8. Airport security
9. Left your helmet at home.
10. There are cheaper ways to kills mosquitoes.

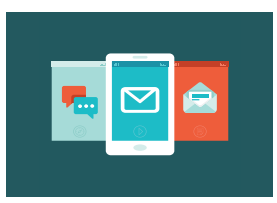
Forgot the moon

I finally remembered something
That I'm spending little time right now
Listening, resting
Stopping my calendar
To watch the darkness tiptoe in
My own private theatre
Of thrush and frog
Bat, cricket, owls
And that shy slim crescent
Swimming over dwindling elms
In and out of clotted cloud
Part blur, part shadow
First a thumbprint
Then a slice of lemon

I like those first quavers of self-aware loon
Sleepy lake taps its microphone
Knowing full concert starts next
Any audience still outdoors with ether tickets
Will wait for every single song

Tonight I pause tv
And amble to the water
Study the space beneath
Where waxing moon hangs quiet
And glints like some strange curling star
Pouring white fire onto midnight waves
Through which a trio of speckled ringnecks
Slides soundlessly in wet chevron
Until one restarts its eerie plainsong
The second loon says nothing
But the third replies with tall strong notes
Begging all birds and sky to listen
And I remember exactly then
That I shouldn't forget any of this

Deborah J Reed



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Popular musician set to play the Dominion Hotel

GRACE OBORNE
County Life Staff

Gordie Tentrees is set out to perform at the Dominion Hotel, in Minden this evening.

Tentrees has been a musician for about 15 years. He grew up in a family of writers and was encouraged to write down most of what he thought about. Then he moved to the Yukon, from Ontario, at 23 years of age and has been surrounded by music since then.

"When I moved to the Yukon 23 years ago, I was surrounded by a bunch of people that were playing music," said Tentrees. "After dinner, it was very common to clear the table and pick up an instrument. I started writing songs as well. I grew up in a family of writers, so it was common in my house to write everything we wanted to say down. It was a calming thing to do, to grab a pen and paper and write everything down."

Tentrees has performed at Dominion Hotel multiple times over the last decade or so, "I've always come back to the area, I grew up there," he noted.

"The folks at the Dominion, they've always had concerts, and have always let me come there and play. I've just been thinking that I should do it again because things are opening up. I've got a new record that I haven't played there yet, so I'm excited about it."

Tentrees' own life events, or the lives of others, is what inspires his music.

"If I can write about something that's affected me or happened to me personally, or something that's happened around me through another person that I know, or an event, then that's something I can get behind to sing," said Tentrees.

Tentrees' style of music is what he calls "Yukon roots music." It stretches anywhere from country to blues.

"To me, my music is a reflection of the music that is around me a lot. That goes from country to blues, and everything in between. Country folk, bluegrass, blues. Every kind of blues, whether that's country blues, but I'd say there's a folk storytelling element to it as well. There's definitely a performance element to it. No show is the same," he said.

He is putting out his eighth record in September and recalls the many memories he has made from producing records and travelling to perform them.

"Every record you put out, you tour for about two years, so I think my favourite memory, honestly, has been travelling.

"It's an amazing experience to show up and everyone's just really happy to see you and is really nice to you. Then you leave to go to a different country or community and the same thing happens again. I've always wanted to travel everywhere, and I have [a] bucket list of places I want to play music. Music has allowed me to do that," he added.

With his concert now right around the corner, Tentrees is built up with excitement. He looks forward to sharing his love for music with an audience once again.

"They're going to hear a lot of songs that they haven't heard in a while. They haven't seen me in about three years, and since then I've put out two records. It is going to be fun for me and fun for them to hear my new material," said Tentrees.

Yukon-based and Ontario-raised, folk artist Gordie Tentrees will perform at the Dominion Hotel, in Minden, on Aug. 5. /Image by Paolo Corradeghini.

Tentrees looks forward to sharing his music with the people of Haliburton County.

"I'll probably be more excited than the audience. They might have to peel me off the stage because I'll just want to continue performing."

To learn more about Gordie Tentrees and his work, visit www.tentrees.ca/, or to buy tickets for his upcoming concerts, visit www.tentrees.ca/tour.

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Local artist showcases his work at Rails End Gallery

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After being closed for months and months, the Rails End Gallery has finally reopened its exhibition centre to the public.

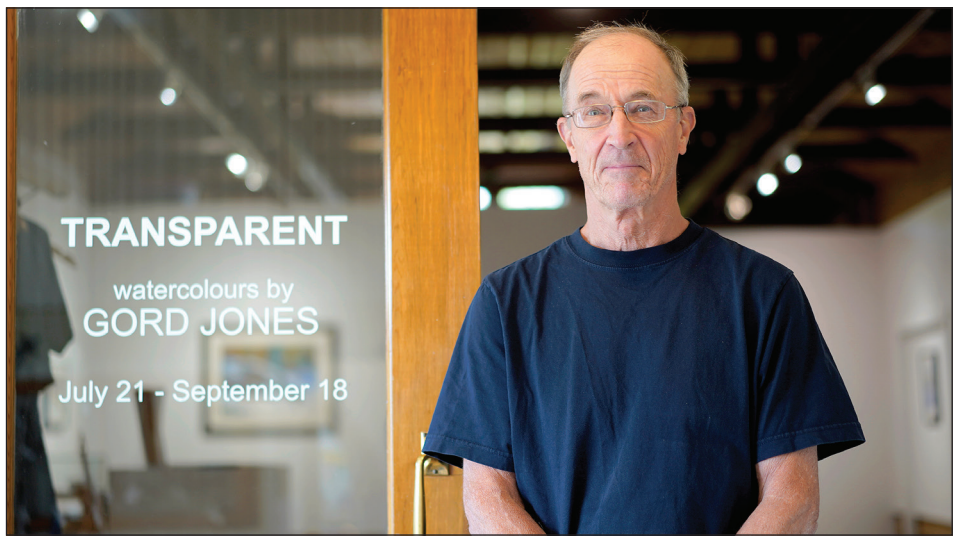
The last in-person showcase the gallery held was last summer, so with excitement, the executive director/curator, Laurie Jones, booked local artist Gord Jones, to exhibit his work immediately.

"I really enjoy his style, and so I started really thinking that we better show his work. I had invited him for the fall of last year and then in the early spring, and well, COVID got in the way and one thing led to another. I didn't want to let the opportunity to have him introduced go by because although he teaches and he shows from his studio, it's different to show in a space like what we have here," said Laurie.

Gord Jones has been drawing and painting for over 35 years. He has experience dabbling in many different mediums such as oils and acrylics. He has spent considerable time on his technique over the years.

"I started with watercolour, but struggled with it as well. It just takes a long time to get a handle on it. I felt like I wanted to go somewhere with it [watercolour], and so I tried other mediums, but I just kept going back to watercolour, and now it's my favourite medium to do. I just suits my personality," expressed Gord.

Jones' other hobbies are what drove him to work with watercolour. As an artist, he also loves to draw.



Gord Jones stands in the entrance of his watercolour exhibition located at the Rails End Gallery. The exhibit began on July 21 and will be showcased until September 18. / GRACE OBORNE Staff

"I love to draw and watercolour is very much like drawing. You can't fix mistakes. You really expose yourself, because you just have to put it out there and it either works or it doesn't, and if it doesn't, you have to just accept that and carry on," said Jones.

Jones grew up in Hamilton, and now lives near Carnarvon. For about 25 years, he had a family cottage in Haliburton and therefore spent a lot of his time here. His surroundings are the inspirations for his work. He painted a lot of industrial scenes when he lived in Hamilton, and now, his work is inspired by the outdoors and the Haliburton area.

Asides from being a full-time artist, Jones thoroughly enjoys teaching. He is an instructor at the Haliburton School of Art + Design for their summer classes. Around 10 years ago, Jones decided to quit his job as an air conditioning mechanic to pursue art full-time.

"The transition from teaching was kind of easy for me. It's funny, because if I told people that I was an engineer, and now a painter, it's okay. However, to say something about a technician or someone who works with their hands, a lot of people don't really don't correlate those together, and it's kind of a shame. I've always been attracted to art, it was always my favourite subject," explained Jones.

Jones teaches now because much of his drive to become an artist came from connections he once had with his own teachers.

"I had success with some teachers that I connected with. They encouraged me, and I think that's important. It's important that somebody sees something in you. Watercolourists are very much like that. They're a very close knit club, because we're different from other mediums," said Jones.

"Gord Jones is an elected member of the Canadian Society of Painters of Watercolour and the Society of Canadian Artists. He is also a member of the ECOAA, IWS, Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, Haliburton Arts Council, and The Rail's End Gallery in Haliburton. He has participated in the Studio Tour – Haliburton Highlands for the past four years," read the Rails End Gallery website.

Jones is thrilled to be able to exhibit his work at the Rails End Gallery because he doesn't exhibit often.

"I don't enter a lot of exhibitions. It's a lot of work and a lot of traveling. Watercolour doesn't travel very well, because it's in glass. If there is an exhibition, it'll be something that I can take myself and so that's why I don't exhibit often," noted Jones.

As a local artist himself, Jones loves exhibiting his work in Haliburton.

"It's nice to be in the Haliburton area where there are other similar artists. I always say that watercolour people are the nicest people, because there's a certain amount of humbleness that comes with the medium. You're exposing yourself, and so I enjoy the people, those kinds of people, and the Haliburton area," concluded Jones.

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Contest # 14 was a photo from one of the earlier seasons of the Highlands Summer Festival. Way back in 2003 The Mumberly Inheritance melodrama feature two nefarious accomplices Tim Nicholson, right and Tom Regina on the left attempting to dispatch juvenile hero of the story, Arlen Davis Mighton. Mary Lawr is the winner this week. She picks up four tickets to any of the show offered in next season. Thanks to everyone who entered.
Now on to this month's contest….

Contest #15

No actors names required this time, other than the name of the show, the year it was produced and an answer to the following: These four women are on the golf course and have just witnessed something that shocked them. Was it: a) a bear with three cubs wandered across the fairway; b) a golfer ahead of them was hit by a golfer's drive; c) one of them came within inches of a hole in one; d) someone just drove their electric cart into a pond.

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The story behind new Turtle Guardians mural at Baked & Battered

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Stacey Kinder's Turtle Guardian mural was painted in the summer of 2020 on the side of Baked & Battered. It took Stacey about 3 weeks to complete this mural. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

"We're in this together. We share the same future," is the message that artist Stacey Kinder painted along the bottom of her mural that is displayed on the wall of Baked & Battered in Haliburton.

Last summer, Leora Berman, founder of The Land Between and Turtle Guardians, had asked the owners of Baked & Battered, Colby Marcellus and Craig Gordon, if one of her staff could paint a mural on their building.

The Land Between "works to achieve bioregionalism; a sense of place and active broad stewardship that is rooted in the understanding that our wellbeing comes from the land," as noted on the website. Turtle Guardians is a program of The Land Between that works to save the lives of turtles and their habitats.

"Turtle Guardians evolved because we needed to save turtles, and we wanted to recruit kids and communities to saving turtles. We wanted to make it a public effort to save turtles," expressed Leora.

Stacey had been working for The Land Between and felt the mural was a perfect way to spread awareness about turtle mortality.

"As an ecologist, I study the relationships between plants, animals and their physical surroundings," she said. "This mural was an opportunity to hold conversations about the key role snappers play in wetlands, and reverse the stigma against them."

Kinder has been painting murals for around seven years and has work featured in several communities across southern Ontario, most of them in Toronto. Her work stems from her connection with nature and the ecosystem.

"I have spent a lifetime growing a deep connection with the unique lakes and forests here, that have undoubtedly shaped my soul," she noted.

Kinder painted the mural alone and feels very passionately about the message that it sends.

"My murals celebrate local ecosystems and wildlife that co-habits with people. Murals bring communities together. We live together amongst an incredibly unique and diverse ecosystem, along with every plant and animal… hence the quote on the mural; 'We're in this together. We share the same future,'" she said.

The owners of Baked & Battered, Marcellus and Gordon, were more than happy to offer their wall to Stacey and her work.

"I will say that from our perspective, for Craig and I, it was an easy thing for us and an exciting thing for us to be able to do for this issue," noted Marcellus.

The mural, which took around three weeks to complete, was painted on Baked & Battered because of its central location. There are numerous people who walk by the restaurant daily, and many have stopped to notice and compliment the mural.

"We see a lot of folks coming and taking pictures of it or taking selfies in front of it. This tells us that it is working. It tells us that people are noticing. It has attracted a lot of attention," mentioned Colby.

"All of the messages Turtle Guardians and The Land Between has, was important to get out through this mural. Baked & Battered was a perfect location because of the high visibility and high traffic for people who live in the county," said Leora.

Jeremiah is Turtle Guardians' ambassador for the turtles, and is pictured in the mural. Based on her size, Jeremiah is around 70 years old. A couple years ago, she was hit by a car. As a result, her carapace was crushed and part of her beak is cracked. Due to the fact that her carapace was crushed, she is unable to use her back legs. She has been in rehab with Berman and Turtle Guardians for five years and uses a skateboard to get around.

Shortly after being rescued, Berman adopted Jeremiah and put her into physiotherapy.

"Jeremiah was taken to the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre and they called us and asked if we wanted to adopt her because she can't walk or swim," Berman said. "Turtles have points of origin, from their territory, so they can't just go anywhere. This means they have to be returned to their territory."

Both Berman and Kinder believe that Jeremiah is the best fit for the mural because of what she represents.

"Jeremiah is a really beautiful soul. She communicates all the amazing things about turtles, and the threat to turtles as well," said Berman.

"Jeremiah is an example of our need to find better ways to co-exist with wildlife," said Kinder.

The response from the community has been overwhelming.

"As I painted, community members shared their snapper stories and were eager to know more about them. I am so thankful for the opportunity to connect with community members and create something unifying," noted Stacey.

In the upcoming months, there are plans for a plaque to be installed next to the mural that will provide more information and explain its purpose.

"We want to put a plaque next to the mural to tell Jeremiah's story. We'll probably design that and put that out later this fall," explained Leora.

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Backyard Astronomy: the dog days of summer

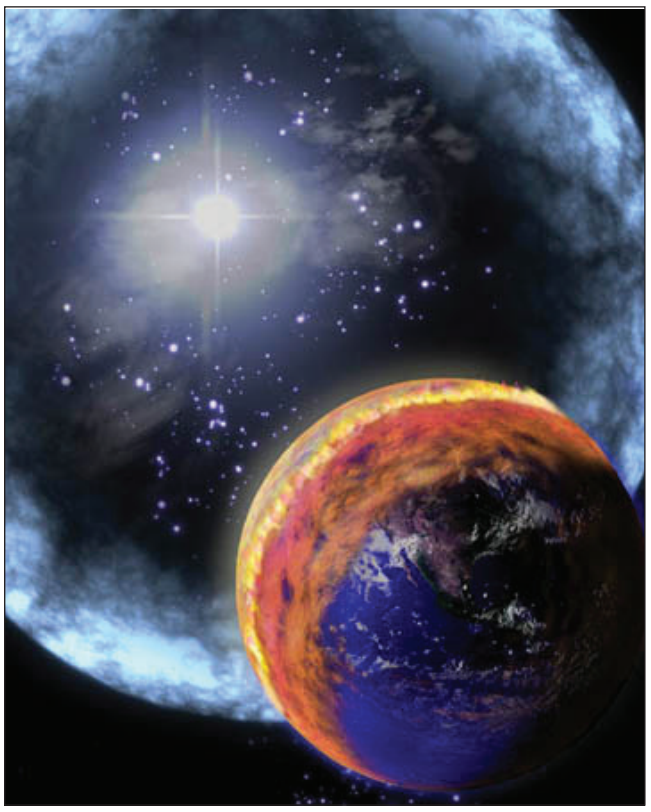
GARY BOYLE
Special to *County Life*

July and August are typically deemed the hottest months of the year in Canada. Nights can be warm and sultry, making it difficult to sleep without air conditioning.

A term that you might have heard to describe this season of heat is the "Dog Days of Summer". It begins in the first week of July and could last a couple of months. But where did this saying originate and what is the meaning behind it?

The idea was derived from the early Greeks and Romans who used the dog star – Sirius as part of their rationale. Sirius is only 8.6 light-years away and is the brightest star in our night sky, as seen on cold winter nights. However, at this time of year, Sirius and the sun both rise at the same time – sort of. It was thought that Sirius combined with the sun produced extra heating, hence the name.

Because of its proximity to us, radiation generated in the sun travels through space and warms the molecules in the earth's atmosphere. The stars we gaze upon at night, including Sirius, are much too far for us to feel their effects. Right now Sirius is still lost in the solar glare, but the star will begin to reveal itself by the end of August low in the southeast sky before dawn. Over the year, stars rise four minutes earlier each night from the night before. This is why we see different constellations rise month after month.



Picture of a gamma-ray, captured by NASA. /Photo courtesy of NASA.

There are very rare cases that a planet like Earth can feel the effects of a distant star. Gamma-rays are the brightest electromagnetic blasts to occur and can spell trouble for nearby planets with an atmosphere within 6,000 light-years. Gamma-rays are produced in the cataclysmic end of a massive star as it is torn apart by a gigantic explosion called a supernova. The collision of two neutron stars can also produce these deadly rays that blast out in a straight line from both poles of the star or collision. Like looking down the barrel of a rifle, the beam must be directly pointed at a planet to wreak its havoc on that distant world and life, if it exists.

Some scientists have theorized that a narrow beamed gamma-ray lasting only 10 seconds hit the earth some 440 million years ago from a star a few thousand light-years away. Keep in mind that one light-year measures close to 10 trillion kilometres in length. This is believed to have led to the Ordovician extinction, the second largest of the five extinctions Earth has endured. Back then there were no creatures walking or flying on earth. A flurry of marine life surged into existence in the oceans during the Cambrian Explosion some 540 million years ago.

When the proposed gamma-ray hit our world, they caused the planet to lose half its protective ozone layer and subjected Earth to intense solar radiation. This led to an ice age and the Ordovician extinction, where about 85 per cent of saltwater species perished due to the drop in water temperatures, especially in tropical waters.

The cosmos is not a dull place where stars simply shine. Violent events off the scale are happening at a much slower time scale with the possibility of dire consequences changing life on distant worlds thousands of light-years away. So far we are in the clear of any such life-changing events, however, the universe likes to throw us a curveball now and then.

Till next time, clear skies.

Known as "The Backyard Astronomer", Gary Boyle is an astronomy educator, guest speaker and monthly columnist for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. e. Follow him on Twitter: @astroeducator or his website: www.wondersofastronomy.com

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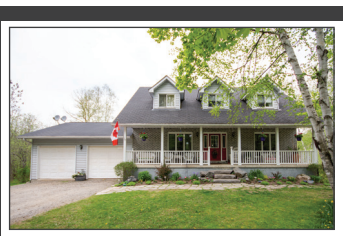

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- In an area of cared-for cottages
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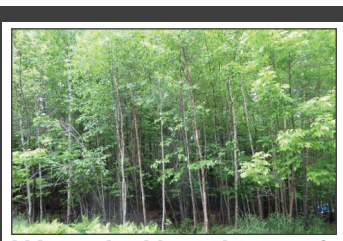

Andy Campbell
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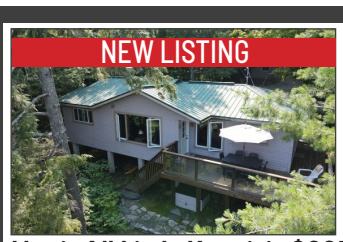

Gloria Carnochan* & Brean Budel*
754-1932

Has it All Little Kennisis $995,000

- Yr Rd, 3 Bdrm +Office, 3 Pc Bath, Laundry Hookup
- Wood Flrs, Custom Kit/Granite Top, Wood/Electric
- Heated Studio, Garage, Granite Stone Landscaping
- Granite Firepit Area, Lg Docking, Gazebo, Internet

Mark Dennys*
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- Apprx 130 Ft Rd Frtg, 0.48 Ac, 1200 Sq Ft
- New LR & DR, 2 Bedroom, 4 pc Bath, Private
- 10 Minutes to Halls Lk Public Beach/Park
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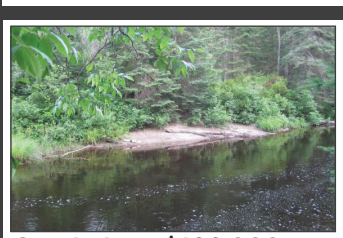

Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 226

Gooderham $199,000

- Almost 17 acres with 345' on the Irondale River.
- 2 lots-in-one, with year-round access.

Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Brady Lake $799,999

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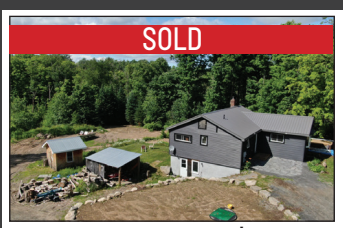

Andrew Hodgson**
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Haliburton Home $699,000

- Completely renovated home on 13 acres
- 1,400 Sq Ft, 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- Private 13+ acre parcel, ideal for hobby farm
- Insulated & heated workshop plus barn w loft

Susanne James* & Andy Mosher**
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Long Lake

- Great 3BR starter cottage
- 140 feet of shoreline, great privacy.
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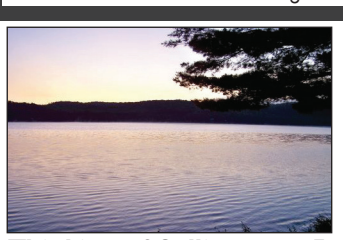

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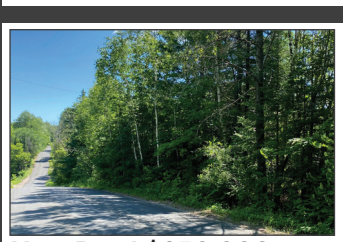

Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Ursa Road $250,000

- 43 acre hide-away, paved yr round road
- Hydro at lot line
- Close to Glamor & Billings Lakes
- ATV & snowmobile trails

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Karen Nimigon**
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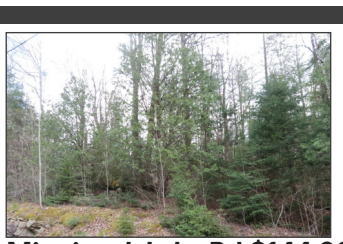

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Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

Minnicock Lake Rd $144,900

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Darlene Reil*
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Brand new Build $649,000

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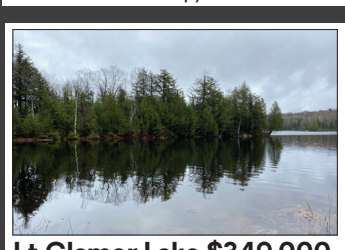

Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Lt Glamor Lake $349,000

- 189 frontage
- Shallow bay, ideal for canoe/kayak
- Crown Land borders north side
- Cottage needs repair

Melanie Vigrass*
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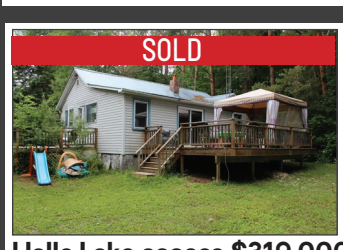

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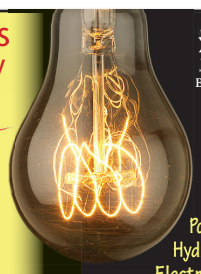

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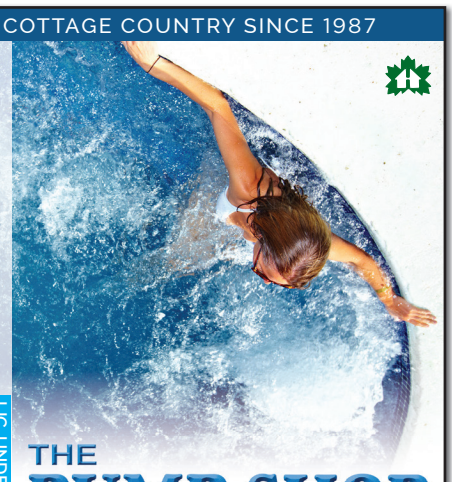

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Race for reeve has yet to heat up

by SUSAN CAMPBELL
Staff Reporter

It's only July, but it won't be long before the race for the offices of municipal council begins in earnest for November elections.

However, of thirteen reeves and deputy-reeves contacted by *The Echo*, only two were sure they would be running for office again in the fall. Most said it was too early to make a decision.

"I've thought about it and it's one day yes, one day no, but there's lots of time yet," says Anson, Hindon, Minden Reeve Bern Berry.

"It's a bit early to decide," says Keith Tallman, reeve of Monmouth. "I think I've got to look at what the issues are and decide in September or October."

Cardiff's Deputy-Reeve Keith Murphy says he hasn't even thought about running next fall. "Right now we're just too busy trying to deal with the issues on our plate."

Deputy-Reeve Lloyd Leadbeater says he has been agonizing over whether to run again in Dysart et al. "I've been talking to others, but it doesn't depend on what others are doing. I would hate to leave a vacuum in municipal government after being there for nine years."

> 'It's not just the hours on the job, there's research, reading and correspondence'

"Time" was the biggest factor affecting most of the officials' decisions. As former Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey says, in a municipality the size of Dysart you wouldn't even contemplate spending less than 15 or 16 hours each week at the job.

"If you're going to do the background and homework needed to do the job, the commitment must be there. You just can't go to a meeting and read the report somebody gives you."

As Anson, Hindon and Minden Deputy-Reeve Mike Maher says, "it's not a one or two-day a week job." Maher is on no less than 11 committees and finds that he doesn't always have the time to do research for all council issues.

"If I feel I can manage my time better, I'll take a run at it," he says. "I'm leaning towards 'no', but I'd hate to close the door on it because I do enjoy it."

For Glamorgan Reeve Robert McCausland, "time" is increasingly a factor in his decision to run again. "I'm considering it, but when I started it was eight or nine meetings a month. Now it's 14 or 15."

McCausland also says it is often depressing to get condemned on every decision one makes. Until now, "in the last 12 years I've never really been involved in a situation where they're condemning local politicians. I think they sould be reaching a little further beyond local government."

Dysart et al Reeve Bill Davis has also experienced tough times at both the county and municipal levels, but he says there will always be challenges. He hasn't decided whether to run again.

"It's just the time element," he says. "I'm still keenly interested, but you can't make your decision prematurely. You have to be prepared to stand by your decision."

Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed says he will likely know if he will run again by August. "It's a lot of work. When I started over 20 years ago we used to just meet Saturdays from 8 to 11. It's not just hours you are actually at the job, there's research, reading and correspondence."

Glamorgan Deputy-reeve Glen Madill says he is not comfortable making a decision right now. "I really like it and I'm learning a lot, but it will be a trial period this fall to see if I have the time."

Hans Liebmann, deputy-reeve of Sherborne et al, says he hasn't made a decision whether to run again, but he loves the job and feels he has the time to do the job well. "I would like to run again. I think it's a good service I can do because

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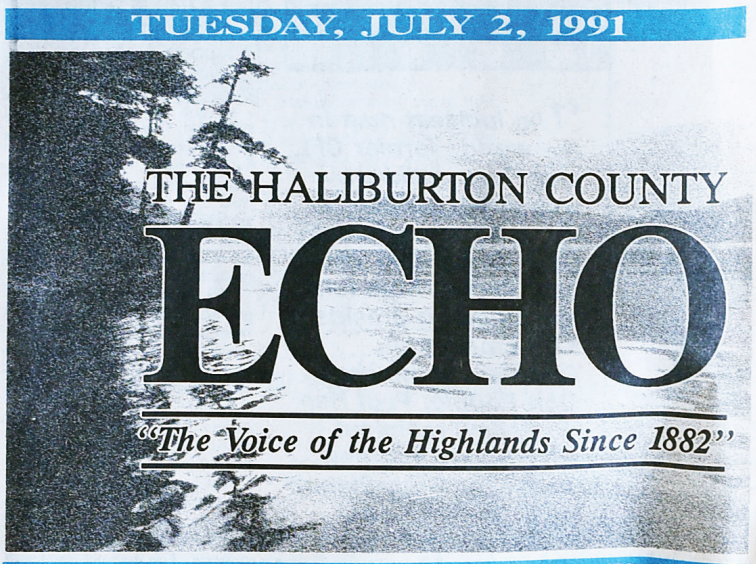
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AHM taxes up 8.2%; other levies blamed

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

In a familiar refrain, the county and board of education levies are being blamed for driving Anson, Hindon and Minden's property taxes up 8.2 per cent, even though municipal spending was kept to a 2.4 per cent increase.

"It's obvious where the increases are coming from," Deputy-reeve Mike Maher said at Thursday's council meeting. The board of education levy rose $176,000 or 7.5 per cent and the county levy rose $101,000 or 32.1 per cent. The municipality will spend $148,000 more — including payment of the 1990 deficit of $103,000 — but this will be partially offset by a revenue increase of $500,000.

"The (municipal) increase is not much considering the amount of services given out by the municipality," said Maher, who along with the rest of the council, applauded municipal departments for showing restraint. Council also thanked Acting Clerk Jo Ellen Ingram for her time and effort after Clerk Mary Mysyk was dismissed.

> 'The municipal increase is not much considering the amount of services given out'

The municipality plans to spend $2,770,000 this year, including $500,000 on improvements to the arena. Most of the $103,000 deficit — $72,000 — is a result of a roads department deficit, which the municipality partly blames on decreased provincial funding. It is still trying to get more funds to pay for improvements to the Bobcaygeon Road.

"We felt it beneficial to help the economy by employing local people on some of these projects," Councillor Verne Graham said after the meeting. Not only will arena construction provide jobs, but some other projects, such as improving the river banks, will create work for people not employed presently by the municipality.

To help pay arena costs, Minden is transferring $143,000 from a reserve fund.

There are few other major changes between last year's budget and this year's. The Recreation and Culture budget will drop from $471,700 to $278,500 because

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA! Hundreds turned out to celebrate Canada's 124th Birthday at the Kinmount Fairgrounds on Sunday. Even in the present political climate — or perhaps in spite of it — this young boy showed his love of country. For more photos, please see page 24.

Marshall checks mill fire

An inspector from the Fire Marshall's Office will soon begin his investigation of the January 8 fire which destroyed the former G.W. Martin Ltd. mill at Harcourt.

Monmouth Fire Chief Ralph Watson said Dave Marcellus would not begin the investigation until the site was cleaned up but the insurance company had said the clean-up could not start until the investigation was completed. However, after the delay, clean-up is starting July 2.

Retiring director toasted farewell

by BRIAN RODNICK
Staff Reporter

They travelled from every corner of the county to say goodbye to Director of Education Stuart Baker, who's retiring this week after 36 years of playing a pivotal role Haliburton County's education system.

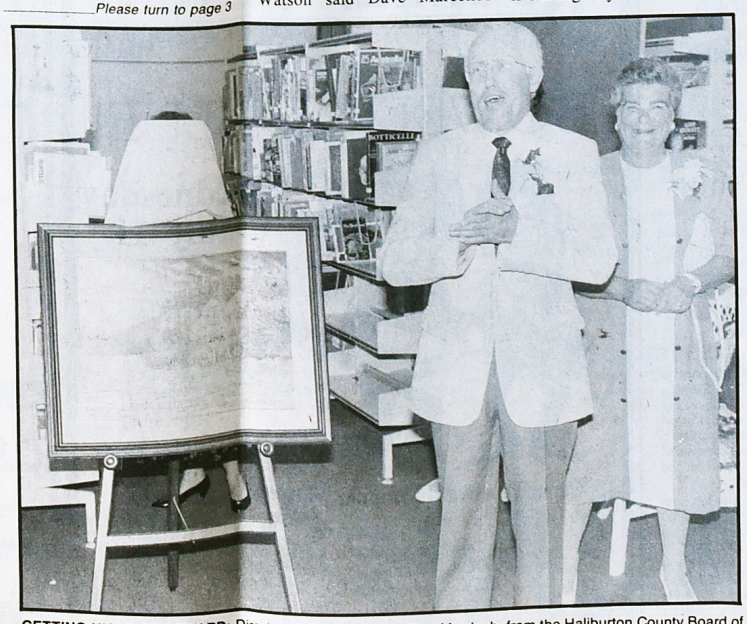
Teachers and board members, both old and new, turned out at the afternoon reception at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Thursday to pay tribute to the man most had know for years.

In official recognition of his work, the board of education presented him and wife Dorothy with a scenic portrait done by local artist Ron Murdoch. "This landscape isn't any different than what's near our little cabin on Redstone Lake," said Baker, as he accepted his gift.

As an added bonus, the staff and students of Archie Stouffer, where Baker was principal from 1971-84, presented the educator with a young Red Maple Tree. It was stationed in a pot outside a window of the school's library.

The tree will eventually be planted in the school's front yard to remind "anyone who goes by about Stuart Baker and all his years of caring."

On a lighter note, the teachers of Archie Stouffer offered Baker a special gift: his old weather-beaten principal's chair, which they ceremoniously rolled out to give those in attendance a good look. Mr. Baker quickly sat down in his old chair to pose for pictures.



GETTING HIS JUST REWARD: Director of Education Stuart Baker and his wife Dorothy gladly accept Mr. Baker's retirement gift, a landscape painted by local artist Ron Murdoch, from the Haliburton County Board of Education. Mr. Baker is retiring after 36 years of working in the education field.

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